

Dear Jim,

Attached Letter to Ellsworth 8/27/76

If not after your call then after my letter the very least that could have been expected of Larry Ellsworth was a "sox sorry." Those insufferable self-importances ~~can't even~~ ^{can't even} be commonly decent.

I guess if one isn't arrogant on joining up with Nader remaining with him makes it a minimum prerequisite

On a personal as well as a professional level his is wretched behavior.

If you want to deal with them and on these case it is perfectly okay with me. That is, rightfully, your decision. But personally I want nothing to do with any of them. This is not my only experience of this nature. I've had it with their ecology people, too. Those cats were worse than the ~~Maximaks~~ Morrisons and Ellsworths. Maybe this is why Plesser left?

I do think it is essential to make response to all that crap and perjury ~~Max~~ Dugan unloaded on us just when he knew you were leaving. I do not know that all I've done was essential. I do know it was much work when I had other things important to me to do. And when I've been steadily uncomfortable. It really has not been an easy time.

There is no end to it. I've avoided another of Bud's insanitigs with Anderson. It took some time yesterday and today but it is not going to happen. He was actually foisting off on them what he had already given Dick Russell, who printed it months ago and was used in the Post thereafter. It is without substance. It did take me much time.

They've been feeding garbage to others, too. And naturally enough I got called and can't responsibly avoid more time that is a total waste.

Lil has just injected a needed note of comic relief in what for me is grimness. We've obtained some extra copies of the Post, stories I think can interest others, and when "il and I were talking about it I said, "poor Jim, I don't know when he 'll get to read all of this stuff." She consoled me, "Don't worry about it. Jennifer has brought him up. She'll be able to help him."

Once I got to where if it became necessary I could do something within a day, which was preparing an affidavit for Lil to retype, I did start a little other checking around. The last large malpractice award in DC was won by a ~~Max~~ lawyer named David Goldberg. The one or one of the ones just before that was won by a lawyer named Harry Goldberg. David is the son of Max, who is Harry's youngest bother. David's office is in Rockville. While I haven't seen either in years, Max and Harry were friends of mine, independent of their relationship. Max was in OSS Hq, Harry was a friend and the lawyer of friends.

I don't know David although when he was a toddler I met him. He ought to be about your age.

Max and Harry as I knew them were nice, quiet, soft-spoken Yiddische young men, Harry not then really young.

I've not carried this any farthur. I've not spoken to any of them. If you want you can.

With David practising in Maryland there can be some advantages.

If I know nothing about him, Max and Harry are not at all the tough Williams/Webster types. I am not suggesting this as either an asset nor a liability. Merely as a fact.

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